## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

WANDA PRICE,	)
Plaintiff,	) )
v.	) Case No. 16-CV-1774
AMERISTAR CASINO ST. CHARLES, LLC,	) ) ) Jury Trial Demanded
Defendant.	)

## **COMPLAINT**

Comes now the plaintiff, Wanda Price, by and through her attorneys, Ripplinger & Zimmer LLC, and for her cause of action against defendant states:

- 1. Jurisdiction of this Court is pursuant to 28 USC Sec. 1332. The plaintiff is a citizen of Tolono, Champaign County, Illinois.
- 2. The defendant is a Missouri Limited Liability Corporation, doing business in St. Charles, Missouri, a citizen of Missouri.
- 3. The amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest, attorney's fees and costs, and complete diversity exists between plaintiff and defendant.
- 4. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Missouri under 28 USC § 1391(b) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to these claims occurred in this District and Ameristar Casino St. Charles LLC is subject to this Court's personal jurisdiction.

- 5. On December 3, 2015, plaintiff was an invitee on defendant's property. Defendant, through its agents or employees, was conducting a "giveaway" of gift bags.
- 6. Defendant owed plaintiff and others lawfully on its property to exercise reasonable care so as not to cause injury.
- 7. Plaintiff stood in line to receive her bag, and, after receiving her bag, tripped and fell over a pallet.
- 8. Defendant, through its agents or employees, breached its duty to plaintiff by negligently placing the pallet directly in the path that participants would be taking after receiving their gift bags, creating a dangerous condition.
- 9. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of defendant's agents or employees, Wanda Price was injured, sustaining a broken elbow. She has incurred medical expenses, and suffered great pain and disability.
- 10. Plaintiff prays this court for judgment in her favor and against defendant, in an amount sufficient to compensate her for her losses, in excess of \$75,000.00, and for such other and further relief as this court deems just and proper.

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